

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Use of School Facilities

The board subscribes to the belief that public schools are owned and operated by and for its patrons. The public is encouraged to use school facilities but will be expected to reimburse the district for such use to insure that funds intended for education are not used for other purposes. On recommendation of the superintendent, the board shall set the rental rates schedule.

The superintendent is authorized to establish procedures for use of school facilities, including rental rates, supervisory requirements, restrictions, and security. Those using school facilities shall maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization.

The district does not discriminate based on race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability and provides equal access to Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Community athletics programs that use district facilities will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex in the operation, conduct or administration of their programs. The district will provide copies of the district's nondiscrimination policy to all third parties using district facilities.

For rental rate purposes, organizations seeking the use of school facilities have been divided into four categories:

School or Child Related Groups or Other Government Agencies

School or child-related Groups or other Government Agencies include those organizations whose main purpose it to promote the welfare of student, or to provide members of the community access to government programs or opportunities for civic participation. Examples are: Scouts, Campfire, PTAA, 4-H, city or county sponsored recreation groups, polling places, political caucuses and governmental groups. The district will provide official recruiting representatives of the state and United States military forces, Job Corps, Peace Corps and AmeriCorps with access to school facilities (including number of days and type of presentation space) equal to and no less than the access provided to other post-secondary occupational or educational representatives.

CATEGORY 1 (No Charge/School Related)

This category includes school related activities, such as ASB, Booster clubs, district and allied organizations, District board of Directors, staff and in service training meetings, bargaining groups using the facility for fund raising (includes Special Olympics, ASB PTA/PTO and booster club fund raisers.) Public elections are also included in this category.

CATEGORY 2 (Cost Recovery)

Includes groups or organizations that serve the local community directly or those who have a majority of their members/participants residing in the Eatonville School district (75% of participants must live within the district boundaries). This category includes non-profit youth sports**, groups (including faith-based organizations), and childcare with majority of Eatonville SD students, for example Scouts, Campfire, Girl Scouts, EYSA, Jr. Cruisers FB, Jr. Wrestling, and AAU teams with 75% of participating Eatonville School District students. Also included in this category are governmental agencies, (city, fire districts, etc.) The district will provide official recruiting representatives of the state and United States military forces, Job Corps, Peace Corps and AmeriCorps with access to school facilities (including number of days and type of presentation space) equal to and no less than the access provided to other post-secondary occupational or educational representatives. The District will impose a cost recovery fee that may include custodial, grounds and/or food service staff, but will impose no rental use charge for the use of school facilities by these organizations. NOTE: Applicants may be required to provide the coach as a point of contact and a participant roster confirming residency for verification and category assignment.

CATEGORY 3 (Non Local & Adult Users)

Includes groups or organizations that DO NOT serve the local community directly or DO NOT have a majority of their members/participants residing in the Eatonville school district (groups with less than 75% of participants living within ESD boundaries). This category includes youth sports/leagues/groups** and private educational groups and universities whose enrollment is open to Eatonville School District staff for continuing education. The District will impose a modified commercial rental fee, appropriate personnel fees and recovery fees for this type of use. NOTE: Applicants may be required to provide a participant roster for verification and category assignment.

CATEGORY 4 (Commercial Rate)

Includes profit-making organizations or activities and business related enterprises. The District will impose a rate high enough so that tax-supported school facilities shall not be in unfair competition with privately owned companies in the business of renting such space. NOTE: Commercial applicants must be able to demonstrate that comparable privately owned facilities are not available on the dates(s) requested.

** For profit activities sponsored by these organizations will fall under Category 4.

Conditions for Use of School Facilities

1. School functions shall take precedence in all cases; however, consideration will be given to activities or performances that require long-term planning or scheduling.

2. School facilities are not available to groups that unlawfully discriminate in the selection of members or carry on unlawful activities.
3. Rules and regulations covering use of school facilities shall be established and made available to the community. The Superintendent shall establish damage and rental fees covering maintenance and supervisory costs. The facilities use fee schedule and facility use regulations will be made available to the public at the district office or website.
4. Youth organizations engaged in sports activities and using school facilities must provide a statement of compliance with the policies for the management of concussion and head injury in youth sports as required by RCW 28A.600.
5. School equipment shall not be used or taken from school buildings except under provisions established by regulation.
6. The Superintendent and/or designee reserve the right to reject or cancel use of the facilities of the Eatonville Schools to any organization without recourse.
7. Retaliation or harassment against persons for exercising their rights protected by Section 504, including following the grievance procedures established by Section 504 is prohibited.
8. User shall maintain insurance for accident and liability covering persons using the district's facilities under the sponsorship of the organization.
9. Facilities are typically not available for use on days that schools are closed, unless special arrangement has been made in advance.

District sponsored activities, including curricular and co-curricular functions, retain first priority in use of facilities. Authorization for use of school facilities shall not be considered as endorsement of or approval of the activity group or organization nor for the purposes it represents.

Legal References	AGO 1973 No. 26	Initiative No. 276-School districts- use of school facilities for presentation of programs- Legislature-Elections
	RCW 4.24.660	
	RCW 28A.230.180	Educational and career opportunities in the military, student access to information on, when
	RCW 28A.320.510	Night schools, summer schools, meetings, use of facilities
	28A.335.150	Permitting use and rental of play grounds, athletic fields, or athletic facilities.
	28A.335.155	Use of buildings for youth programs- Limited immunity.
	20 USC Sec. 7905	Boy Scout of America Equal Access Act

34CFR Sec. 108.6 Equal Access to Public School Facilities for
The Boy Scouts of America and Other Designated Youth Groups

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